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MEMORANDUM

To: Resident file.

Sunday, May 5, 1967

TO:

JIM GARRISON

FROM:

ALVIN V. OSER

RE:

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WITH DR. LEONARD REISSMAN

On Tuesday, February 21, 1967, I received information from a confidential informer that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had on several occasions attended meetings of the Fair Play for Cuba organization at 1121 Pine Street in the City of New Orleans. This location was the residence of DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, Telephone No. 866-0865.

It is believed that members of the New Orleans Police Department observed OSWALD attend meetings at this location. During this time the police department was conducting a stake-out in an attempt to learn more about the Fair Play for Cuba Movement. It is also believed that the police department has in its files in the Intelligence Division recordings, pictures, and interviews of numerous persons including OSWALD in the Fair Play for Cuba Movement. In the police department's records there should be information concerning OSWALD and the Fair Play for Cuba Movement which was received from the Law Enforcement Investigative Agency. This agency is believed to be an organization which collects and disseminates information concerning crime and criminal activities among large metropolitan cities with one another.

I was able to learn from further investigation that Dr. REISSMAN who is a professor at Tulane University was renting at the location of 1121 Pine Street. DR. REISSMAN now lives at 2600 Calhoun Street in the City of New Orleans. I have learned that he has purchased this house. It is believed that he only recently acquired the property on Calhoun Street.

I learned from the same source that gave me the information regarding DR. REISSMAN that a white male by the name of FRANK CHAMBERS was involved in renting guns to Cuba. This individual owns the Ex-Caliber Gun Shop located at 4200 St. Claude Avenue. This subject is known to be a police character and involved as a possible fence for stolen property. In recent years his business, the Gun Shop, has supposedly been burglarized on numerous occasions and guns were stolen. However, none of the stolen guns have ever been recovered. It is believed that the alleged burglaries are a cover for the shipment of guns to Cuba.

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ALVIN V. OSER

MEMO RE: DR. LEONARD REISSMAN & CONNECTED LEADS

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puring the early stages of our investigation we noted the possible involvement of DR. REISSMAN but passed over it because N.O.P.D. and federal evaluations referred to him as a left-wing activist and it has been apparent from the outset that this is not a relevant area with regard to this case. However, it has become increasingly apparent to me that the CIA as well as organizations at the opposite end of the spectrum used individuals and set up organizations whose left-wing nature is more apparent than real. For example, it is entirely possible that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is a CIA contrivance designed to draw out individuals siding with Castro. Similarly, it is entirely possible that recent agitation, while undoubtedly left-wint oriented for the most part, may also be instigated in special situation by individuals of reactionary persuasion in order to accomplish immediate objections of their own.

I have come across a fact which indicates, in view of the above possibilities, that we should re-evaluate DR. REISSMAN and re-examine the possibilities of a more significant role having been played by him. It appears that DR. REISSMAN left Tulane toward the end of summer, 1963, and transferred to Stanford University, which is just outside of San Francisco. Consequently, as of November 1963, DR. REISSMAN, who apparently did know OSWALD, seems to have been in the vicinity of San Francisco.

Following is a brief summary of relevant factors in connection with this individual:

- In May 1965 when RUTH PAINE arrived at the house of MRS. MURRET (OSWALD's aunt) with MARINA and the child, she and MRS. MURRET had a brief conversation. MRS. MURRET mentioned that a DR. REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, was a friend of OSWALD's. (C.E. 3119)
- MRS. MURRET advised that OSWALD had also mentioned that he knew DR. REISSMAN. (C.E. 3119)
- 3. When OSWALD was arrested in New Orleans on August 9, 1963, during the course of his interview by the New Orleans Police Department he was asked where meetings for members of the Fair Play for Cuba organization were held. He replied that they were held at various places in New Orleans. When asked if the meetings were held on Pine Street he replied in the affirmative. When asked if he knew DR. REISSMAN he again replied in the affirmative. It might be added that OSWALD refused to furnish the names of the "35 members" of the group and, in this regard, I think it is fair to say that the group never existed.
- 4. DR. REISSMAN in 1962 and in 1963 was a research assistant at Tulane and lived with his wife ETHEL at 1121 Pine Street.
- 5. REISSMAN had been a subject of some interest on the part of the New Orleans Police Department Intelligence Division because FPCC pamphlets were once found on the 1100 Block of Pine in the vicinity of his house and a complaint was once made to the New Orleans Police Department that an FPCC pamphlet once blew out of the window of his car.

- On December 4, 1963, DR. REISSMAN, when interviewed at his home near Stanford University, advised that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD at all.
- However, a Secret Service report (CE 3094) dated December 6, 1963 states the following, with regard to an interview of DR. M. E. LAPHAM the Provost of Tulane:

"DR. LAPHAM was not informed that we had established a connection between OSWALD and DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, the latter reportedly being active in the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives, also known as Ban the Bomb.

"DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, referred to in report dated 12/3/63 by SA A. G. Vial, is of record in the subversive files of the FBI, New Orleans. ASAC Joseph Sylvester, FBI, has requested that this office not interview REISSMAN because of their interest in him. It is understood that the FBI office desires to interview him and that he has been out of the city recently."

- It is to be noted that a lead furnished us by BILL TURNER indicates the possibility of CLAY SHAW having been at Stanford on November 22nd.
- 9. Also a professor at Tulane University at the same time as REISSMAN was H. WARNER KLOEPFER. The 1962 City Directory indicates that KLOEPFER lived at 306 Pine Street. He subsequently moved, either in late 1962 or 1963 to 3033 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. It is to be noted that this is several blocks from the residence of DAVID FERRIE at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. Also living in the latter vicinity at 3694 Louisiana Avenue Parkway as DR. AGUSTINE GUITART the uncle of SYLVIA ODIO.
 - 10. With further regard to H. WARNER KLOEPFER it is to be noted that his wife RUTH KLOEPFER has stated that she visited the OSWALDS at 4907 Magazine Street on several occasions. The reason for the visit according to RUTH KLOEPFER, was because RUTH PAINE, a Quaker, located the KLOEPFER name in a Quaker registry, called them and requested that they visit LEE and MARINA OSWALD. It is also to be noted that on August 6, 1963, in applying for a job with the Cosmos Shipping Company, then located in the Balter Building, OSWALD gives as his references: RUTH KLOEPFER (in addition to his uncle, MURRET) and CHARLES LeBLANC (apparently the LeBLANC he knew with the Reily Coffee Company). On page 46 of OSWALD's address book (CE 18,p.54) OSWALD lists the following names:

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- 11. The 1967 telephone book lists one other KLOEPFER in the city of New Orleans. This is WILLIAM KLOEPFER (presently living at 5500 Bancroft Drive, 288-9802. However, in 1963 WILLIAM KLOEPFER was living at 724 Governor Nichols in and apartment building owned by CLAY SHAW. KLOEPFER was a recent arrival from California where he had obtained his degree as a specialist in Cryogenics. The name of the University in California from which he graduated and the location of his home in California should be obtained within the next few days.
- 12. RUTH KLOEPFER is employed by the Parish Prison as a Social Worker. We have confirmed that CLAY SHAW has talked to RUTH KLOEPFER in the Parish Prison on at least one occasion in connection with his interest in CHARLES DANIELS, who was once an inmate there (and who is also presently listed in SHAW's address book). Also a Social Worker in the Parish Prison is JANE LEMANN, whose husband is an instructor in architecture at Tulane University. She is a Quaker. Her husband is also related to STEPHEN LEMANN who is (a) the General Counsel for W D S U -TV, and (b) according to information given us, the local paymaster for the CIA with regard to the attorneys attempting to block the inquiry.

NINA SULZER is the third Social Worker in the Parish Prison and completes the trilogy of persons engaged in that profession there. Her husband is DR. JEFFERSON SULZER, a Professor of Social Psychology at Tulane. NINA SULZER is the lady who went to our witness VERNON BUNDY, in the Parish Prison and informed him that he was "on the losing horse". She told him further that she would not want to be in his shoes and suggested that someone was going to kill him on the outside. She presented him with the copy of Newsweek which contained a particularly vicious attack on the office and told him he should read it.

NINA SULZER has admitted that SHAW has been over to her house and that she has been to his house. Approximately 3 weeks ago she was followed and she went to the residence where SHAW was staying and spent approximately 3 hours with him.

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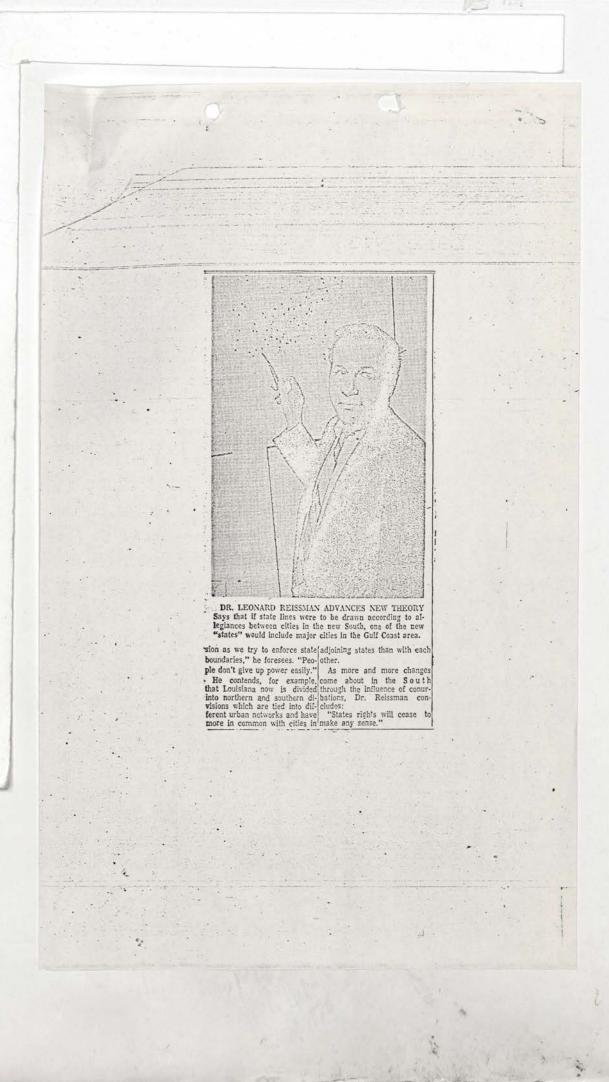
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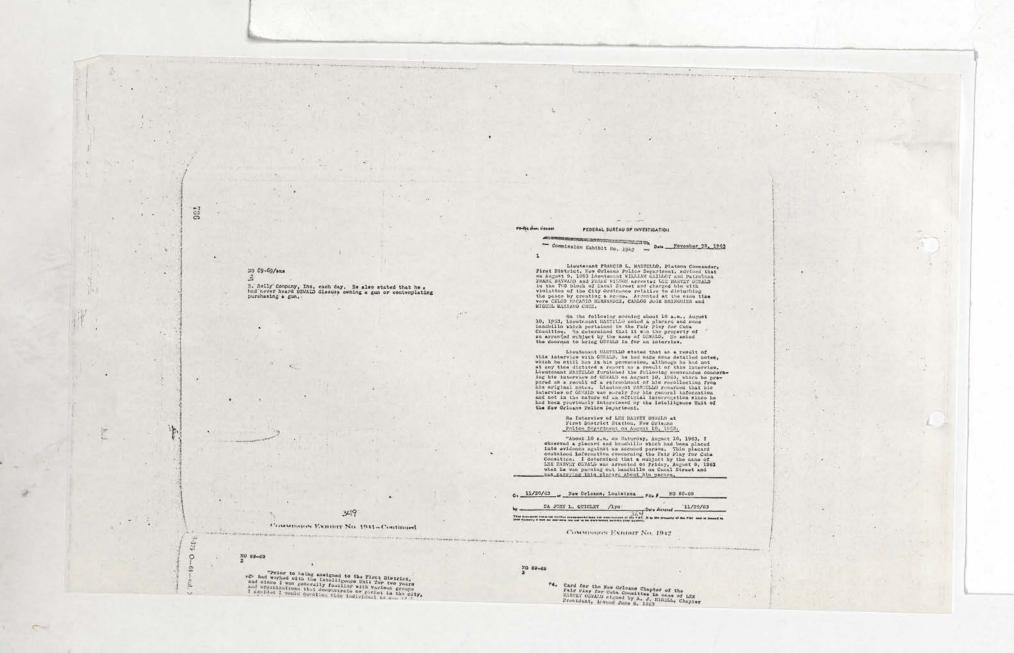
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MERO RE: DR. LEONARD REISSMAN & CONNECTED LEADS

FOR: REISSMAN FILE AND LEAD FILES

During the early stages of our investigation we noted the possible involvement of DR. REISSMAN but passed over it because N.O.P.D. and federal evaluations referred to him as a left-wing activist and it has been apparent from the outset that this is not a relevant area with regard to this case. However, it has become increasingly apparent to me that the CIA as well as organizations at the opposite end of the spectrum used individuals and set up organizations whose left-wing nature is more apparent than real. For example, it is entirely possible that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is a CIA contrivance designed to draw out individuals siding with Castro. Similarly, it is entirely possible that recent agitation, while undoubtedly left-wint oriented for the most part, may also be instigated in special situation by individuals of reactionary persuasion in order to accomplish immediate objections of their own.

I have come across a fact which indicates, in view of the above possibilities, that we should re-evaluate DR. REISSMAN and re-examine the possibilities of a more significant role having been played by him. It appears that DR. REISSMAN left Tulane toward the end of summer, 1963, and transferred to Stanford University, which is just outside of San Francisco. Consequently, as of November 1963, DR. REISSMAN, who apparently did know OSWALD, seems to have been in the vicinity of San Francisco.

Following is a brief summary of relevant factors in connection with this individual:

- In May 1965 when RUTH PAINE arrived at the house of MRS. MURRET (OSWALD's aunt) with MARINA and the child, she and MRS. MURRET had a brief conversation. MRS. MURRET mentioned that a DR. REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, was a friend of OSWALD's. (C.E. 3119)
- MRS. MURRET advised that OSWALD had also mentioned that he knew DR. REISSMAN. (C.E. 3119)
- 3. When OSWALD was arrested in New Orleans on August 9, 1963, during the course of his interview by the New Orleans Police Department he was asked where meetings for members of the Fair Play for Cuba organization were held. He replied that they were held at various places in New Orleans. When asked if the meetings were held on Pine Street he replied in the affirmative. When asked if he knew DR. REISSMAN he again replied in the affirmative. It might be added that OSWALD refused to furnish the names of the "35 members" of the group and, in this regard, I think it is fair to say that the group never existed.
- 4. DR. REISSMAN in 1962 and in 1963 was a research assistant at Tulane and lived with his wife ETHEL at 1121 Pine Street.
- 5. REISSMAN had been a subject of some interest on the part of the New Orleans Police Department Intelligence Division . because FPCC pamphlets were once found on the 1100 Block of Pine in the vicinity of his house and a complaint was once made to the New Orleans Police Department that an FPCC pamphlet once blew out of the window of his car.

- On December 4, 1963, DR. REISSMAN, when interviewed at his home near Stanford University, advised that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD at all.
- However, a Secret Service report (CE 3094) dated December 6, 1963 states the following, with regard to an interview of DR. M. E. LAPHAM the Provost of Tulane:

"DR. LAPHAM was not informed that we had established a connection between OSWALD and DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, the latter reportedly being active in the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives, also known as Ban the Bomb.

"DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, referred to in report dated 12/3/63 by SA A. G. Vial, is of record in the subversive files of the FBI, New Orleans. ASAC Joseph Sylvester, FBI, has requested that this office not interview REISSMAN because of their interest in him. It is understood that the FBI office desires to interview him and that he has been out of the city recently."

- It is to be noted that a lead furnished us by BILL TURNER indicates the possibility of CLAY SHAW having been at Stanford on November 22nd.
- 9. Also a professor at Tulane University at the same time as REISSMAN was H. WARNER KLOEPFER. The 1962 City Directory indicates that KLOEPFER lived at 306 Pine Street. He subsequently moved, either in late 1962 or 1963 to 3033 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. It is to be noted that this is several blocks from the residence of DAVID FERRIE at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. Also living in the latter vicinity at 3694 Louisiana Avenue Parkway as DR. AGUSTINE GUITART the uncle of SYLVIA ODIO.
 - 10. With further regard to H. WARNER KLOEPFER it is to be noted that his wife RUTH KLOEPFER has stated that she visited the OSWALDS at 4907 Magazine Street on several occasions. The reason for the visit according to RUTH KLOEPFER, was because RUTH PAINE, a Quaker, located the KLOEPFER name in a Quaker registry, called them and requested that they visit LEE and MARINA OSWALD. It is also to be noted that on August 6, 1963, in applying for a job with the Cosmos Shipping Company, then located in the Balter Building, OSWALD gives as his references: RUTH KLOEPFER (in addition to his uncle, MURRET) and CHARLES LeBLANC (apparently the LeBLANC he knew with the Reily Coffee Company). On page 46 of OSWALD's address book (CE 18,p.54) OSWALD lists the following names:

RUTH KLOEFER (sic) 306 Pine Street New Orleans 18

H. WARNER KLOEFER Un-6-0389 Un-5-2741 ex. 276

- 11. The 1967 telephone book lists one other KLOEPFER in the City of New Orleans. This is WILLIAM KLOEPFER (presently living at 5500 Bancroft Drive, 288-9802. However, in 1963 WILLIAM KLOEPFER was living at 724 Governor Nichols in and apartment building owned by CIAY SHAW. KLOEPFER was a recent arrival from California where he had obtained his degree as a specialist in Cryogenics. The name of the University in California from which he graduated and the location of his hone in California should be obtained within the next few days.
- 12. RUTH KLOEPFER is employed by the Parish Prison as a Social Worker. We have confirmed that CLAY SHAW has talked to RUTH KLOEPFER in the Parish Prison on at least one occasion in connection with his interest in CHARLES DANIELS, who was once an inmate there (and who is also presently listed in SHAW's address book). Also a Social Worker in the Parish Prison is JANE LEMANN, whose husband is an instructor in architecture at Tulane University. She is a Quaker. Her husband is also related to STEPHEN LEMANN who is (a) the General Counsel for W D S U -TV, and (b) according to information given us, the local paymaster for the CTA with regard to the attorneys attempting to block the inquiry.

NINA SULZER is the third Social Worker in the Parish Prison and completes the trilogy of persons engaged in that profession there. Her husband is DR. JEFFERSON SULZER, a Professor of Social Psychology at Tulane. NINA SULZER is the lady who went to our witness VERNON BUNDY, in the Parish Prison and informed him that he was "on the losing horse". She told him further that she would not want to be in his shoes and suggested that someone was going to kill him on the outside. She presented him with the copy of Newsweek which contained a particularly vicious attack on the office and told him he should read it. NINA SULZER has admitted that SHAW has been over to her house and that she has been to his house. Approximately 3 weeks ago she was followed and she went to the residence where SHAW was staying and spent approximately 3 hours with him.

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Doctor LEOMARD REISSMAN, 4155 Wilkie Way, Palo Alto, California, advised that he had lived in New Orleans for approximately 12 years and had resided at 1121 Pine Street, New Orleans for five years. He said that he came to Palo Alto, California, to work at the Center for Advanced Study of Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, at the end of July, 1853.

Doctor REISSMAN related that he cannot recall ever having known LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said that he had studied OSWALD's photograph, having seen same in the newspapers and on television, and had discussed OSWALD with his (REISSMAN's) wife, and neither could recall ever having seen OSWALD.

Doctor REISSMAN said that he never knew of the existence of a Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in New Orleans, and had never had any connection in any way with any so-called left-wing-organizations. He remarked that he was familiar with the people residing on Pine Street in New Orleans, and it was inconceivable to him that meetings of the FPCC could have been held within a two-block area of his residence without him knowing about it. He pointed out that the people residing in that area were, in his estimation, extremely conservative in their political viewpoint, and he could think of no one who would allow an organization of that nature to hold meetings in his home.

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